

# Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

March 4, 2009

Item Number 3b

## Resolution Nos. 3739, Revised, 3889, and 3890

**Subject:** Allocation of approximately \$18 million in Regional Measure 2 (RM2) capital funds and adoption of the Regional Express Bus North pool of projects into the RM2 capital program.

**Background:** Capital Program:  
To date, MTC has allocated \$875 million of the \$1.5 billion RM2 capital program. This month two projects are proposed for capital allocation and one project is proposed for adoption into the RM2 capital program.

*North Connector (Allocation of \$18.2 million in RM2 capital funds):*  
The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) requests \$18.2 million in RM2 funds for the construction of the North Connector project. This project improves local roads near I-80 north of the I-80/I-680/SR-12 interchange that are often used as reliever routes for I-80. The project is environmentally cleared and right-of-way acquisition is nearly complete. Contract award is anticipated in April. The allocation is contingent upon the California Transportation Commission's approval of the amendment to the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) that transfers \$11.4 million originally programmed to the North Connector to the right of way phase of the I-80/I-680/SR-12 Interchange project. With this allocation, a total of \$55.5 million will have been allocated for the I-80 improvements in Solano County (refer to table below).

Total RM2 Available for Project 7	\$100,000,000
Total RM2 Allocated through March 2009	\$55,504,000
<b>Total RM2 Unallocated for Project 7</b>	<b>\$44,496,000</b>

*Regional Express Bus North (Adoption into RM2 Capital Program):* The Regional Traffic Relief Plan established as part of Regional Measure 2 set aside a total of \$20 million for capital projects to support bus services in the Richmond-San Rafael, Carquinez, Benicia-Martinez, and Antioch Bridge corridors (RM2 Project #17). Of the total \$20 million, \$16 million is designated as a competitive grant program. The remaining \$4 million is designated for Golden Gate Transit (\$1.6 million) and Napa VINE (\$2.4 million). This grant is designated to provide funding for park and ride lots, infrastructure improvements, and rolling stock. The program proposed for adoption identifies projects for the \$16 million competitive element. Staff will return at a later date to amend the proposed to include projects for the \$4 million dedicated element.

In October, 2004, MTC sent out a notification to eligible recipients of the competitive grant program, requesting applications for projects that might be eligible under this program. On receiving the requests, MTC evaluated each project's scope and cost and then made recommendations to fit the

available funds. Since no formal allocation requests were received at that time, this program was not adopted formally by the Commission in 2004. For this action today, staff has confirmed that each project is fully funded or is working to make it fully funded. Attached is a table that lists all the amounts requested and recommended for funding under this program.

The proposed program consists of 4 bus transit centers, 1 intermodal station, 2 park and ride facilities, and bus stop improvements. The projects are located in the Solano, Contra Costa and Napa counties and will benefit Vallejo Transit, Fairfield/Suisun Transit, Golden Gate Transit, and the Napa VINE services along the I-80, I-680/SR-4, and Richmond-San Rafael Bridge corridors. The first allocation for this project is towards the Pacheco Transit Center.  
(see below)

*Pacheco Transit Center (Allocation of \$50,000 in RM2 capital funds):* The Central Contra Costa Transit Authority (CCCTA) requests \$50,000 in RM2 funds towards the final design for the Pacheco Transit Center. The proposed transit center will provide a location for staging and deploying express bus service in the I-680/SR 4 corridor for Contra Costa and Solano County bus operators. The project will include construction of a six bay express bus hub and will increase the size of the existing park and ride lot from 47 to about 115 spaces. The final design funds will be used for consultant design and technical services, and for project management.

**Issues:** The allocation for Project 7.1, North Connector, sponsored by STA, is contingent upon the CTC's approval of the STIP amendment to move \$11.4 million in STIP funds from the North Connector to the I-80/I-680/SR-12 Interchange project.

**Recommendation:** Refer Resolution Nos. 3739, Revised; 3889; and 3890 to the Commission for approval.

**Attachments:** Attachment 1: Express Bus North Program  
MTC Resolution Nos. 3739, Revised; 3889; and 3890

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**Express Bus North Program Requests and Recommendations**

Agency	No.	Project Scope (2004)	Requested (2004)	Recommended Funding (2004)	Current Project Scope (2009)	Current Funding Request/Recommended Funding (2009)
Vallejo Transit	17.1	Vallejo Curtola Transit Center— expand bus facilities and add 700 parking spaces	\$6,000,000	\$5,750,000	(no change) Vallejo Curtola Transit Center— expand bus facilities and add 700 parking spaces	\$5,750,000
Fairfield/Suisun Transit	17.2	Fairfield Transit Center— add 600 space parking garage	\$2,500,000	\$2,250,000	(no change) Fairfield Transit Center— add 600 space parking garage	\$2,250,000
Fairfield/Suisun Transit, City of Vacaville	17.3	Vacaville Intermodal Station— New bus transfer facility with 200 surface parking spaces	\$2,000,000	\$1,750,000	(no change) Vacaville Intermodal Station— New bus transfer facility with 200 surface parking spaces.	\$1,750,000
City of Benicia	17.4	Benicia Park/Industrial Park and Ride – 30 to 40 space lot	\$1,500,000	\$1,250,000	(no change) Benicia Park/Industrial Intersection Improvement and Park and Ride facility Project – 30 to 40 space lot	\$1,250,000
CCCTA	17.5	Martinez Transit Center – Bus transfer center near VA facil. (5 bus spaces & 77 parking spaces)	\$1,089,000	\$1,089,000	(new name & increased parking spaces) Pacheco Transit Center – Bus transfer center near VA facil. (5 bus spaces & 115 parking spaces)	\$1,089,000
CCTA	17.6	Diablo Valley College Transit Center – full service transit center	\$ 500,000	\$500,000	(no change) Diablo Valley College Transit Center – full service transit center	\$500,000

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Napa VINE	17.7	Napa – 6 Buses and 2 Park and Ride lots – including 2 <sup>nd</sup> cycle bus replacement	\$4,850,000	\$2,350,000	(no change) Napa – 6 Buses and 2 Park and Ride lots – including 2 <sup>nd</sup> cycle bus replacement	\$2,350,000
GGBHTD/ Richmond	17.8	Macdonald Ave bus stop amenities – bus shelters and streetscape improvements.	\$1,500,000	\$1,061,000	(no change) Macdonald Ave bus stop amenities – bus shelters and streetscape improvements.	\$1,061,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 19,939,000</b>	<b>\$16,000,000</b>		<b>\$16,000,000</b>